(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up those positions for effective functioning of NEC?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c). The following five posts of adviser are lying vacant at present :

(i) Adviser (Planning)

(ii) Adviser (Fisheries)

(iii) Adviser (Technical Education)

(iv) Adviser (Horticulture)

(v) Adviser (Power)

The post of Adviser (Planning) has fallen vacant recently with effect from 18.6.96. Action has already been initiated to fill up the post.

The officer selected for the post of Adviser (Fisheries) has intimated that he will join by August, 1996

The Union Public Service Commission has made the selection to fill up the post of Adviser (Technical Education).

The proposal for filling up the post of Adviser (Horticulture) has been referred to the Union Public Service Commission.

The post of Adviser (Power) stands abolished at present. However, a proposal for the revival/ recreation of the post has been prepared for obtaining the approval of the competent authority

Ban on Pesticides

137. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether several hazardous pesticides whose use has been banned/restricted in other countries are still being sold and used in India;

(b) if so, the names of such pesticides identified as hazardous pesticides;

(c) whether there is a growing demand to ban these hazardous pesticides; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ban them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The list of pesticides which are banned/restricted in other countries, but are still being sold and used in Idna is enclosed in Statement-I

(c) and (d). The Government has reviewed the continued use of these pesticides in India Based on such reviews 16 Pesticides have been banned for used in the country (Annexure-II) and the status of review/action taken on other Pesticides is given in enclosed Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

List of Pesticides Bannned/Restricted in some other countries but being used in India and outcome of review for their continued use in India

S. No.	Pesticide	Use allowed	Use restricted	Under review
1.	Alachlor	-	-	Yes
2.	Aldicarb	Yes	-	-
3.	Aldrin	-	-	Yes
4.	Alluminium Phosphide	Yes	-	-
5.**	BHC	-	Yes	-
6.	Benomyl	-	-	Yes
7.	Captafol	-	Yes	-
8.	Captan	Yes	-	-
9.	Carbaryl	Yes	-	-
10.	Chlordane	-	-	Yes
11.	Chlorobenzilate	-	Yes	-
12.	DDT	-	Yes	-
13.	Dicofol	Yes	-	-
14.	Dieldrin	-	Yes	-
15.	Dimethoate	Yes	-	-
16.	Diuron	-	-	Yes
17.	EDB	-	Yes	-
18.	Endosulfan	Yes	-	-
19.	Fenarimol	-	-	Yes
20.	Heptachlor	-	-	Yes
21.	Lindane	-	Yes	-
22.*	Malathion	Yes	-	-
23.*	Maleic Hydrazide	Yes	-	-
24.	Methomyl	-	-	Yes
25.	Methyl Parathion	-	Yes	-
26.	Monocrotophos	-	-	Yes
27	Oxyflourfen	-	-	Yes
28.	Paraquat Dichloride	Yes	-	-
29.	Phorate	Yes	-	-
30.	Phosphamidon	-	-	Yes
31.	Sodium Cyanide	-	Yes	-
32.	Thiometon	-	-	Yes
33.*	Thiram	Yes	-	-
34.	Triazpphos	-	-	Yes
35.	Tridemorph	-	-	Yes
36.	Zinc Phosphide	Yes	-	-
37.	Zineb	-	-	Yes
38	Ziram	-	-	Yes
39.	2, 4-D	Yes	-	-
40.*	Carbofuran	Yes	-	-

* Not reviewed for continued use in India

** The Government has decided to ban the use of BHC w.e.f 1.4.97

STATEMENT-II

List of Pesticides Banned

S.No.	Name of the Pesticide
1.	Calcium Cyanide
2.	Copper Acetoarsenite
3.	Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)
4.	Endrin
5.	Ethyl Mercury Chloride
6.	Ethyl Parathion
7.	Menazon
8.	Nizotine Sulphate
9.	Nitrofen
10.	Paraquate dimethyl sulphate
11.	Pentachloro nitrobenzene (PCNB)
12.	Pentachlorophenol (PCP)
13.	Phenyl Mercury Acetate (PMA)
14.	Sodium Methane arsonate (MSMA)
15.	Tetradifon
16.	Toxaphene

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

138 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether prices of a number of essential life saving drugs have increased phenomenally;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to check such increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) (a) to (c). Like in other commodities, some price increase in the cases of medicines is inevitable. However, studies conducted from time to time do not indicate any general phenomenal price increase.

In the case of price controlled medicines, the prices are fixed as per the provisions of DPCO '95. In the case of medicines outside price control, if abnormal increases are noticed, the matter is taken up with the concerned manufacturer for justification of the same.

Import of Urea

139 SHRI RUPCHAND PAL
SHRI ANIL BASU

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether either Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. or Natoinal Fertilizers Ltd. act as canalising agent for the import of urea for agricultural purpose;

(b) names of the urea importing companies and the quantity of urea imported by each of these companies through either NFL or HFCL during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any complaint has been received regarding quality of urea imported for the agriculture through canalising agent HFCL; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in respect of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) : (a) and (b). The following agencies are authorised to import urea on Government account

(i) M/s. MMTC Limited;

(ii) M/s. Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL);

(iii) M/s. National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL);

(iv) M/s. State Trading Corporation Ltd. (STC), and

(v) M/s. Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL);

The quantities of urea imported by them during the last three years are as under :

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Name of Agency	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
MMTC	27.83	28.70	26.03
PPCL	-	-	3.85
NFL	-	-	3.35
STC	-	-	3.09
IPL	-	-	1.50

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Doesn't arise.

Prices of Tuberculosis Drugs

140. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state .

(a) the price of each drug for the treatment of tuberculosis in 1990, 1992, 1994 and at present,

(b) the reasons for exorbitant rise in price alongwith the name of the authority sanctioning the increase; and

(c) the steps being taken to curtail their prices and bringing them to the level of prices before the issue of DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) : (a) To the extent information is available, a Statement is enclosed.